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LUSAKA FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NELSON

DEPARTMENT FOR OPIC PRESIDENT MAYS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, ZA, US
SUBJECT: TAW

REF: LUSAKA 1050

1. HAVE JUST HAD DISCUSSION WITH OPIC VP GREGG ABOUT HIS VISIT TO LUSAKA. HE RECOGNIZES VISIT SOULD BE IN-HOUSE AND LOOKS FORWARD TO OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH YOU. ANXIOUS AS WELL MEET WITH TOM WOOD.

2. IN VIEW OF HIGH-LEVEL INVOLVEMENTS IN TAW DISPUTE, GREGG SUGGESTS THERE GOOD POSSIBILITY WORD OF HIS PRESENCE WILL GET AROUND. HE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT PRIME MINISTER CHONA'S EXPRESSING TO YOU HIS WISH TO MEET WITH OPIC VISITOR WHEN HE ARRIVES (PARA 3, LUSAKA 1050).

3. GREGG SUGGESTS ONE TACTIC MIGHT BE FOR HIM MAKE STAY TOO SHORT FOR OTHER MEETINGS BY DEPARTING NEXT
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MORNING, THURSDAY, JUNE 5, ON BRITISH CALEDONIAN

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FLIGHT, SAYING HE SUDDENLY CALLED BACK. THAT,
COULD, OF COURSE, RAISE QUESTIONS AS WELL. WOULD APPEAR TO
ME THERE ONLY TWO REAL ALTERNATIVES TO ELIMINATE
RISK OF AROUSING NEW CONCERNS ON GRZ SIDE AND OFFENDING
PM AND POSSIBLY OTHERS: EITHER CALL OFF GREGG VISIT
FOR NOW OR GO AHEAD WITH VISIT AND INFORM CHONA.

4. THOUGH PERHAPS IT OVERCAUTIOUS, UNLESS THERE IS A
BREAK IN SITUATION AND WOOD HAS REACHED SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT AT LEAST IN PRINCIPAL,
INCLINED BELIEVE VALUE OF VISIT OUTWEIGHED BY RISKS.

5. GREGG TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ARRIVE LUSAKA VIA
QA 511 AT 1730 TOMORROW JUNE 4, BUT HE WILL AWAIT REPLY FROM
YOU AND RE-SCHEDULE IF NECESSARY. HE CAN DELAY HERE IN
NAIROBI THROUGH WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6.
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